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Hospital with a definite delegation of certain administrative duties, in order to relieve the Superintendent of a portion of his routine work."

Industrial dispute between the workers and managements of talkie houses in Salem town.

* 883 *Q.*—Sri S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state when the award of the Industrial Tribunal, Coimbatore, in connexion with the industrial disputes between the workers and the managements of talkie houses in Salem town, was published; whether the said award is now implemented; and, if so, from what date?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—"The award of the Industrial Tribunal, Coimbatore, in the disputes relating to the Cinema talkies in Salem was published on 17th July 1951 and it was not implemented by the employers. The workers applied to the Government for the recovery of the amounts due to them from the employers under the award and the Collector of Salem was instructed to recover the amounts as arrears of land revenue and disburse the amounts to the workers concerned. Recovery has been made in certain cases and has to be completed in those remaining."

Basic wages to the workers in the Public Works Department workshops in the State.

* 884 *Q.*—Sri T. POTHA RAJU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there exists any difference in the basic wages to the workers working at Madras, Vijayavada and Dowlaishwaram workshops, and the reasons for such differences;

(*b*) what are the scales that are in force and since which year the said scales are in force;

(*c*) whether the Government have received any representations from the trade unions of the said workers requesting the Government to implement the Madras workshop scales throughout the Province; and

(*d*) if so, what the Government propose to do?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—"(*a*) Yes. The difference is due to the fact that the wages have been fixed taking into account various factors such as cost of living, availability of labour, local market rates, etc., which vary from place to place.

"(*b*) The categories of personnel and the pay scales thereof and the dates of introduction are far too many to be furnished conveniently.

"(*c*) Yes.

"(*d*) In view of the position explained in the answer to clause (*a*), the Government were unable to accede to the request."